

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs



Director Jim Brown
Deputy Director Russ Eaglin

ROLL CALL

Indianapolis VA Regional Office Briefing

- ▶ Update on national/station performance and a look at the horizon
20–30 minutes including Q&A
- ▶ Note: If you do not get an opportunity to ask your question please email it to tdyke@dva.in.gov and I will get you an answer as soon as possible. Please be prepared to write it down during the call.



Current IDVA Staff

Jim Brown: Director IDVA

Russ Eaglin: Deputy Director

Jim Morrison: Director of Veteran Opportunity (LTG Office)

Tim Dyke: Director of Training and Service

**Dee Pugh: Director of Veteran Employment Placement (Contractor INARNG)
Interim Women Veteran Coordinator**

Matt Vincent: Project Manager /Web Master/ Military Family Relief Manager

Jeanette Gibson: State Service Officer

Mike Hamm: State Service Officer [hired November 12th](#)

Lisa Gaines: Office Assistant/ Receptionist

Najuma Austin: Work Study / Assistant Women Veteran Coordinator.

IDVA Commission

Brig. Gen.(Ret) James Bauerle – Chairman

Lt. Gen.(Ret) Carol Mutter

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Terry Bruning – VFW

Richard Caldwell – AMVETS

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Senator Jim Banks

Senator Frank Mrvan

Representative Dennis Zent

Representative Karlee Macer



IDVA Updates

New easier to navigate Web site

www.in.gov/dva

Veteran Service Center Now open with support from
ECP Indiana National Guard and Job Ready Vets

Will publish new State Benefits booklet online soon with
very limited printing.

Federal benefits book already on website

Researching Vetra Spec purchase and usability with
State level accesses to assist CVSO in monthly
reports. We are told that VIMS data can be transferred
to Vetra Spec



The Road Ahead

- ▶ Accreditation Training NACVSO 31 Mar– 4 Apr 2014
Training site will be the Marriott East Indianapolis
Registration and room reservation information coming soon

Please review some previous NACVSO training modules that are on the IDVA web site. These modules will give some insight of how the training will be conducted. There is a short quiz at the end of each module and the answer key is module 22

- ▶ Move towards PAPERLESS OFFICES
- ▶ Looking into more efficient forms for state benefits that are easier to process and have future electronic submission capability.
- ▶ Continue to push for veteran benefits through legislation MFRF priority

Road Ahead

- ▶ State Forms: use on line forms on the IDVA web site for latest versions. They are linked directly to the Indiana State Forms web page so these are the latest versions. These are fillable forms which can be done on your computer. You only need to print them for the signature at this time. If possible do these on the computer so they are legible.

IDVA News

- ▶ Brown County Bridge Dedication November 11th . Kudos to Ron Higgins for his outstanding coordination of resources and manpower to make this event possible.
- ▶ Chuck Thomas' position as CVSO is now a full time position in Franklin County
- ▶ Barb Shenks, Whitely County VSO, will be retiring December 31st
- ▶ Congrats to Bob Kelley for recently becoming an Accredited Service Officer
- ▶ Congrats also to Terry Turner for successfully completing the NACVSO accreditation training held recently in Nebraska

▶ If anyone has note worthy items please send them to us

If you change your phone number, e-mail address, or street address send IDVA the new information so we can keep you on the email Distribution List and update your information on our website and data base.

Also, if you want a useful item added to the Hot topics section of the IDVA Web Site

www.in.gov/dva send it to

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Have a Safe and Blessed Holiday Season

